

Foreword



From the early days of westward expansion, Army engineers played a key role in the opening of the Oregon Country. Through the development of water resources, the Army engineers provided the means for regional growth. This history represents a timely narrative and pictorial record of the Corps of Engineers in Oregon for over 110 years. From its 19th century rivers and harbors work to 20th century multiple-purpose projects and environmental concerns, the Portland District has demonstrated a strong commitment to the well-being of the public and a willingness to change as new needs and concerns arose.

A study of the Portland District's past record provides understanding and inspiration for coping with the challenges of the present and future. Most importantly, this history is a tribute to the men and women who have so ably served the District.

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